



January 7, 2002.

Renata Hesse  
Trial Attorney  
Antitrust Division  
Department of Justice  
601 D Street NW, Suite 1200  
Washington, DC 2053

Dear Ms. Hesse:

As the owner of small technology business, I am writing to express my concern about the government's ongoing pursuit of Microsoft. In my opinion, the case should be settled as soon as possible. I am encouraged by the recent announcement that the monopoly and tying aspects of the lawsuit have been dropped and proposed settlement has been worked out between Microsoft and the U.S. Department of Justice. Now it is time to bring this episode to an end and ratify all the terms of the settlement.

A settlement would be in the best interest of all concerned-not just small businesses but the individual consumer as well. Let's also not regulate ourselves out of the competitive edge we now have in the global market.

Please add my voice to those who want to continue the innovative advances made by the companies like Microsoft over the past decade.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "M. Rafiq Gaziani", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

M.R. "GAZ" GAZIANI  
Vice President, Sales & Marketing.